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REPLY TO INTERVIEW SUMMARY

September 2, 2003

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

An Interview Summary was mailed on August 14, 2003. Applicants were given one month to file a statement of the substance of the interview.

The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment was discussed. Compliance with the revised Rule 121 was not required when the Amendment of July 15, 2003 was filed. The Notice was improper because the Amendment complied with the requirements of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Therefore, no response to the Notice will be filed.

A Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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